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EXAMINER

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### NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course.

☒ This communication is responsive to Board Decision of 7/30/99

☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 35-41 + 53-62

☐ The drawings filed on \_\_\_\_\_ are acceptable.

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

☐ All ☐ Some\* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been

☐ received.

☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) \_\_\_\_\_

☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\*Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

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☐ Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which discloses that the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.

☒ Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS

☐ because the originally filed drawings were declared by applicant to be informal.

☒ including changes required by the Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948, attached hereto or to Paper No. 71

☐ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_\_, which has been approved by the examiner.

☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the reverse side of the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftperson.

☐ Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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#### Attachment(s)

☐ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413

☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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**NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE AND ISSUE FEE DUE**

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TITLE OF INVENTION STABILIZED THERMOSTABLE NUCLEIC ACID POLYMERASE COMPOSITIONS  
CONTAINING NON-IONIC POLYMERIC DETERGENTS (AS AMENDED)

ATTY'S DOCKET NO.	CLASS-SUBCLASS	BATCH NO.	APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	FEE DUE	DATE DUE
1	2303.2B	435-188.000	C70	UTILITY	NO	\$1210.00 01/06/00

**THE APPLICATION IDENTIFIED ABOVE HAS BEEN EXAMINED AND IS ALLOWED FOR ISSUANCE AS A PATENT. PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS CLOSED.**

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An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

In the title, cancel the title and insert the following title --

1 STABILIZED THERMOSTABLE NUCLEIC ACID POLYMERASE COMPOSITIONS CONTAINING  
F NON-IONIC POLYMERIC DETERGENTS/---.

In the abstract, page 91,

lines 3, 4, 6, 10 and 11 of the page, cancel "enzyme" and insert --  
nucleic acid polymerase --;

line 4, after "is" insert -- DNA polymerase --, and change "the",  
second occurrence, to -- a --;

line 11, after the period insert --/A preferred buffer contains

2 glycerol, Tris-HCL (pH 8.0), ethylenediamine tetraacetic acid,  
F dithiothreitol, polyoxyethylated sorbitan monolaurate, ethoxylated nonyl  
phenol and gelatin./---.

In the specification,

Cancel the amendment (D<sup>1</sup>) of 4/24/92 to page 1 before the first  
line;

Cancel the amendment (B<sup>1</sup>) of 5/10/90 to page 1 that replaced the  
title and cross-reference, and insert --

Stabilized Thermostable Nucleic Acid polymerase Compositions

Containing Non-Ionic Polymeric Detergents

Cross-Reference to Related Applications

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This application is a continuation of Application Serial No. 07/387,003, filed July 28, 1989, now abandoned, which is a division of Application Serial No. 07/143,441, filed January 12, 1988, now abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part of Application Serial No. 07/063,509, filed June 17, 1987, now U. S. Patent No. 4,889,818, which is a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 06/899,241, filed August 22, 1996, now abandoned. /--.

In the claims,

Claim 40, line 2, correct the spelling of "polyoxythylated" to -- polyoxyethylated --.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David M. Naff whose telephone number is (703) 308-0520. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday and every other Friday from about 8:30 AM to about 6:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, a message can be left on voice mail.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mike Wityshyn, can be reached at telephone number (703) 308-4743.

The fax phone number is (703) 305-3014 or 308-4242.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.

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